

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2006**

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 8:05 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Advisory Council Members present were: President Jimmie Kesterson, Dave Reagan, Carol Shelby, Garry Smith, John Withers, County Councilmember Ronald L. Fruitt, and Commissioner Ruth E. Shedd. Also present: Director Mark Kirby, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Advisory Council Members Nathan Miller, Mike Kyger, Carol Shelby, and John Walker were absent.)

Chairman Jimmie Kesterson called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Councilmember Fruitt moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2006 Meeting as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: Mark Kirby

Christopher Burke Meeting

The Advisory Council's meeting with Christopher Burke representative Sheila McKinley is scheduled for 3:00 P.M., Thursday, March 23, 2006 in the basement at the 629 Building.

Siren Report

Deputy Director Tim Batta was called at 7:56 A.M. today because the siren located at Cumberland School activated on its own.

Nine (9) sirens were hit by lightening in the last two months. The siren located at Wainwright Middle School is beyond repair and should be replaced because it is the only siren in the area. The nearest siren is located at Cole Elementary School in Stockwell. Director Kirby estimated a new siren will cost \$12,000. He said he would like to negotiate a lower insurance deductible than the current \$5,000 to make it more usable for single events.

Mobile Operations Vehicle

Director Kirby is still working with LDV, the manufacturer, to correct problems with the camera and satellite dish that have not worked properly from day one. He is concerned because the one year warranty is close to expiration.

Volunteers

The new Constitution and By-Laws for the Volunteers' 501c3 status will be presented to the volunteers tonight in preparation for a vote at their April meeting.

Storm Spotter Training

The National Weather Service will conduct Storm Spotter Training at 7:00 P.M. tonight at the County Extension Office. At 6:30 P.M., the graduation of TEMA's first Volunteer Recruit Class will take place. Fifteen (15)

graduates will be presented with a certificate for completion of the six month course. Approximately twelve (12) recruits are ready to begin the next class.

Deputy Director Batta will fill in for Director Kirby who will attend the Governor's Conference on Volunteerism in Indianapolis on April 11th. TEMA Technician Martin Webb will fill in when the Director and Deputy Director attend the meeting on Bio Analytical Services on May 9th.

Director Kirby will attend the Avian Pandemic Flu Summit at Purdue University on March 23rd. Some participants will be the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Health & Human Services, Governor Mitch Daniels, and Senator Richard Lugar.

Budget

Mr. Smith noted the Siren Repair line in the Budget has no appropriation. Attorney Luhman explained that siren repair was moved to the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (Cum Cap) Budget.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Dave Reagan, Chairman

Mr. Reagan reported the Committee recommends releasing the 9 phone lines dedicated to the "KIT" System. They feel the lines that cost approximately \$40 each are an unnecessary expense. The Committee thinks the "KIT" system is hard to maintain but doesn't recommend "trashing" it since it is paid for and has the capability to notify selected large groups. The Committee would like to pursue sharing the cost of another system with companies, but Mr. Reagan thinks the \$23,000 annual cost to use the "CAN" System is too costly. This system has approximately 85,000 listed phone numbers.

➔ Deputy Director Tim Batta entered the meeting.

Attorney Luhman commented that new legislation regarding Reverse 911 will pick up cell phones too. He recommended not buying another system until this is settled at the State level.

Mr. Smith calculated it will take 6 hours at 250 calls per minute to notify everyone in the County.

Chairman Kesterson commented that TEMA doesn't want to own a system. In his opinion, TEMA wants someone else to do all the work.

Director Kirby said he hopes the Sheriff's 911 will work with TEMA on the direction for Reverse 911.

HAZ-MAT TEAM REPORT: Deputy Director Tim Batta

The Team had no responses.

Deputy Director Batta reported the Cumberland School siren activated for no apparent reason. It has been de-activated but the problem will need further investigation.

RADIOS: Director Mark Kirby

Director Kirby reported he has talked with a representative from Johnson Radio and is comparing their product with Motorola. The Johnson product costs approximately \$3,000 compared to the Motorola at approximately \$4,000.

SCOTT AIR MASKS

Mr. Withers asked for a status report on the Scott Air Masks' issue. Director Kirby responded that TEMA has a credit with Hoosier Fire and Scott is paying the shipping to return the air masks. He estimated TEMA should receive certified air masks by the end of the year. After polling the fire departments and finding that they don't use air masks, he determined there will be enough masks for use by police departments who don't have that type of equipment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Reagan spoke of possible legislation dealing with the reorganization of EMAs. Director Kirby said he thinks that issue is dead for this session but there is talk of moving to district EMAs with a single director.

NEXT MEETING

The next TEMA Advisory Council Meeting will be held at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 11, 2006 in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building.

ADJOURNMENT

- Mr. Reagan moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Fruitt; motion carried.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor